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Testimony of
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Labor and Public Employees Committee
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Co-Chairs Prague and Ryan and members of the Committee. I would first of all like to thank you for your time and attention to HB 6680.

My name is Ed Burke, I am a field representative in the Office of Congressman Joe Courtney of Connecticut's 2nd District. My primary duty in this capacity is to address the needs of those who currently serve in the military as well as those who have served in the past.

It is well known to our office that being relocated or deployed for military service is stressful not only to the individual being called to serve, but also, to families left behind or asked to relocate. Financial concerns are among the major areas of these stressors. It is critical to the wellbeing of families to maintain stability both emotionally and financially during these times.

The loss of employment (and income) to a family caused by this relocation can and often does contribute to the stressors within the family unit.

The decision to relocate as a family or have a spouse and children remain at home is often based on financial considerations. If passed HB 6680 would allow the family relief from some of the financial concerns involved at this critical time. We therefore support the passage of HB 6680.

Congressman Courtney is working diligently on the national level to address the needs of our active military and he has voted to increase funding to the Veterans Administration to provide care to our veterans. He is eager to work with both this committee and others to ensure that the men and women of the Armed Forces receive not only our respect, and honor but also our full support by providing the resources that they and their families deserve.

Sincerely,

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